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Dear Josh:

I want to thank you for the delightful visit I had with you, and regret for my sake that it was so brief. If I ever have the opportunity to get away from the things that I am doing, I will certainly head in the direction of microbial genetics.

Irving Crawford had determined prior to the receipt of your letter that WG35 is the ~~uracil~~ type, and was able to show that it does contain an amount of uracil condensing enzyme comparable with that which is found in the uracil-less mutant.

I am sending you a sample of orotic acid (several grams) and thymidine (100 mgms.) which I hope you will put into your elixirs when you are mutant hunting. I will be very appreciative if you will let me know if you have any success with them.

With best regards and thanks for your generosity,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Arthur'.

Arthur Kornberg.

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